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in the counties or areas where I practice, we have had very excellent clerks of the district court. I've got no complaints about that. I don't think we can do better in terms of quality, so that isn't...that isn't a motivator for me. A motivator for me is that the county court system is already state. It makes some sense that the clerk of the district court and the district court system also be state. We're not going to go backwards with the county system and put that back on the local tax bill. We're going to keep that as a state expense. So, if we're going to combine them in some cases and try to accomplish some efficiencies in some cases, which probably should be able to be done, then the only way to do that is to go with the...with the district court system on to the state coffers. Once that happens will...will they be as responsive as they are now? Will they give the same level of service? I think if they're the same people they will. I don't know why they wouldn't. But...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...some of the things some other senators have said, Senator Stuhr and others, there's some truth to it. The further away the payor is from the bill the bigger the bill is going to be. There is some conscientious effort at the local level to hold down budgets on this office as well as every other office. I don't know that same discipline will be there when it's removed from the local level, and that gives me some concerns because we're all taxpayers. But I do like the property tax relief aspect of it. I like the aspect that it will make the court system more unified. And Senator Beutler has worked very hard on it. I think he has as good a bill as you can put together for the subject and so we each have to make our own decision. I am tending to support it, but we need to know what it's going to cost us and I think we need to realize that we may have to give up something else in the budget to do this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Brown, followed by Senator Beutler. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there has been some discussion on the floor, I think Senator Stuhr referenced it and Senator Jones referenced it, about the impact